The Logger's Bark
RADIO CLUB of TACOMA

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Happy New Year

Well folks,

We're well into the New Year and we've had lots of stuff going on since the December issue of The Bark was posted. And, we've got events coming up in the near future that, if past experience is an indicator, are guaranteed to be a blast.

On December 14th, the Radio Club held its annual Award Banquet at the TACID facility. Delicious food, delightful company, and a chance to recognize many folks for their contributions over the past year. I was surprised to be the 2014 recipient of the Doc Spike Award, and am deeply humbled. As I looked around the room that day, I saw scores of folks who contributed in many ways to things I was involved in. As I look through the list of awards appearing in this issue beginning on Page 10, I see not one thing that I did single-handedly. I am grateful to each of you for your participation and help with so many things that made 2014 such a banner year for our club.

On New Year's Eve, we again partook of Pizza and Pastries and fired up the old radios for Straight Key Night. With the warmth of the glowing tubes and the camaraderie of our friends, we did our part to ring in the New Year. A few photos and statistics can be found beginning on Page 15, as well as a link to a soapbox article on the ARRL website compiled and submitted by Rich KR7W.

Mark your calendars for FYBO and a Hidden Transmitter Hunt on February 7th at Owens Beach. Prior to that, on January 28, our 4th Wednesday Workshop will be a presentation on Amateur Radio Direction Finding, complete with some hands-on practice with equipment. See details on Page 9.

The repeaters are working much better than they have in a long time, thanks to the hard work of Tim K7TMW and his crew. Read about their adventures to Crawford Mountain in this issue.

And last but not least, this month you will find the answers to both the Mystery Tool and Mystery Ham questions that have appeared over the last couple of months.
73 & HNY de Mike W7MWF

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RCT Board of Directors
3 December 2014 Meeting Minutes

The Radio Club of Tacoma Board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma.

Officers and board members present:

President	Gary McAdams WG7X
Vice President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Secretary	Larry Watson KD4VOM
Board Member	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board Member	Mike Finnie W7MWF
Board Member	Nick Winter K7MO

There were 13 names on the attendance roster a copy of which is attached to the original minutes

Quorum: Yes

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Gary McAdams WG7X.

Minutes:

The minutes of the November 2014 Board Meeting as distributed and coordinated, were approved without objection or correction.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Larry KD4VOM reported on a recent visit with Dick Ryan W7RGD long time member # 310 who is in an assisted living facility in Tacoma. Dick has lost part of a leg, but is in great spirits. He would enjoy a visit. He's located at 1630 East 63rd St. Tacoma, 98404.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Bank Statements	QEX Journal
Utility and Phone Bills	Electric Radio
Newsletters	QSO Cards
E-Mail from Chip Margelli	

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: George reports the membership stands at near 347.

George also provided a draft of this year's renewal package for review and discussion.

Training: Next Technician's Class January 10-11 2015

Information Technology: – Randy Myers WB4SBP **The IRLP replacement computer** interface cable was provided by Nick K7MO. Once the new IRLP card has been configured, we should be working normally on the newer computer.

HF Operations: Operational

Repeaters:

Repeater Status:

W7DK 145.21 Repeater, Bates Channel 28: Operational

W7DK 147.28 Repeater Clubhouse: Status – Operational

W7DK 147.38 Repeater Crawford Mountain: Status – Operational, awaiting installation of the 440 MHz control unit

W7DK 440.625 Repeater Clubhouse Status – Operational

IRLP 147.28 Repeater) Operational

Facilities Management: No significant activity
Property Management:

Mike W7MWF Summarized recent activity.

- Two Bugs donated by Mike W7XTZ in memory of Jim Nelson W7PYV (SK) were donated and expected to be assigned to the W7OS Museum.
- A Signalink has been donated by David Andresen K7HTJ for use in the Emergency Operations Station. It has been configured for use by Bob AD7LJ
- Several items of test equipment will be transferred to the Club's test bench in the Museum
- Several other donations are in our triage and evaluation process
- The Club's Ebay and PayPal account items have been located and secured.

The RADIO CLUB OF TACOMA needs your donations.

DONATIONS PLAY A BIG PART IN FUNDING THE OPERATION OF RCT. IF YOU HAVE UNWANTED OR UNNEEDED AMATEUR RADIO OR RELATED EQUIPMENT. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING IT TO THE CLUB

If you have something to donate please contact

Any member of the Property Management Team

General Membership Meeting Programs: "The Radio Club of Tacoma Repeater System" to be presented by Tim White K7TMW

Tim Plans to provide an overview of the Radio Club of Tacoma's repeater system, its elements, configuration, capabilities, operations and repeater etiquette.

Workshop Project:
16 November, Randy WB4SPB presented a Getting Started in Morse Code II session
24 December – No Workshop, Christmas Eve

Salmon Run: Pledge Drive: Larry KD4VOM reports that $4063 has been contributed by 70 donors.

Museum: **Rich KR7W** No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ADDR Web Hosting Issue: Larry KD4VOM
We have received documented confirmation of receipt of our letter to ADDR.COM informing them that we do not believe we owe the bill they are claiming.

RCT Financial Planning: Ken Gibson N7ELF
Ken had previous commitments, was unable to attend

RCT Annual Membership Dues: At the last General Membership meeting the results of our membership survey on raising the dues by $ 5.00 was overwhelmingly endorsed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership Notices Distribution: Several options have been explored.
The team is exploring our options expect an acceptable solution and testing before the end of the month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Birthday Time: George K7GRS brought, and Greta KF7KSW served cake with candles in honor of Mike Finnie's 65th Birthday.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Emergency Operations/ARES communications support: Larry KD4VOM Reported delay due to conflicting projects and hopes for draft plan by February.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:40

W7DK

Proudly celebrating
99 years
of Amateur Radio Service
to
Pierce County and the
Pacific Northwest

RCT General Meeting
10 December 2014

The General Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building at Waller Road and 112th Street. .

Vice President Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM.

Officers and board members present:

Vice President W7XTZ	Mike Mikuchonis
Secretary KD4VOM	Larry Watson

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached to the original copy of these minutes. There were 31 names on the attendance roster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led Vice President Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ

INTRODUCTIONS: Welcoming of guests and self-introductions were completed. There were several first time visitors and newly minted/upgraded hams attending.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: Mike W7XTZ reported the passing of Jim Nelson, a blind Ham whom several in the club had been assisting in recent years.

Correspondence:

Newsletters
Utility Bills
Bank Statements
Membership Renewals
Newsletters and Journals

The Field Day Pig was circulated to collect donations for Field Day operations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: George K7GRS provided a membership estimate of 347

George noted that the membership dues have increased next year for the first time in memory, and asked members please wait until you receive your renewal package in order to provide corrections and updates to your membership record. There will also be an interests and abilities survey in the package

V E Report: John Clarke AC7WW
The Radio Club of Tacoma Volunteer Examiners had more candidates at the testing session December 9th than were expected. Twelve candidates showed up to take a total of 20 elements with 11 passed. Six Technicians joined the amateur service, one candidate passed element 2 and under the new FCC ruling was able to upgrade to General. Three candidates upgraded to General and one upgraded to Extra. One candidate did not earn an initial license.

This session we had candidates from Bonney Lake, Chehalis, Issaquah, Kirkland, McKenna, Mercer Island, Puyallup, Tacoma, Tenino, University Place and Vashon. I have received an email from a Ham in the UK wanting to attend our January test session.
Thanks to the following VE's for their time and effort.
Jan, K7HTU Jon, AD7AW
Rich, KK7VH Stephen, AD7AB
The next monthly scheduled testing session will be Tuesday January 13th, 2015

Training: Next Technicians Class January 11-12

HF Station: Straight Key Night coming

Facilities: Bruce Hanson WE7P No significant activity.

Property Management: Mike Finnie W7MWF reports business as usual. Mike W7MWF, Bob K7MXE and Rich KR7W recently took down a rooftop tower antenna donated by Robert Burns KC7BAS. It will likely be used at the clubhouse , or for a repeater remote controller.

PROGRAM: The Radio Club of Tacoma Repeater System – Tim White K7TMW

Tim presented a detailed orientation of the Club's four repeaters, their locations, operations and equipment. Tim also provided an explanation of repeater operating techniques and etiquette. He solicited members to use the repeaters and notify someone on the repeater committee when repeater issues appear. A field trip to the

Crawford Mountain 147.38 repeater is planned to examine and repair its current issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New RCT Email Distribution System:

Most of you should have received an email message announcing our new system and several upcoming events, including the Awards Banquet and new Membership Renewal package.

W7DK Annual Awards Banquet:

The TACID facility has been scheduled for Sunday 14 December at the TACID facility – same one used last year. Come help us celebrate those who have made a difference in the Radio Club of Tacoma this year, and the new Doc Spike Inspirational winner.

Check your recent email for details, location and time.

Straight Key Night Randy Myers

Come join us for this annual traditional event. It should begin around 4 pm, and pizza will be served around 6 pm. It is a combination of straight key CW operations and socializing. You don't have to operate to enjoy Straight Key night, and the event should close down around 9 pm.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

TUNING AND TRAFFIC: Mike K7STO reports on his work and has worked the W1AW on all states

DOOR PRIZES: Tim White K7TMW and Ron KC7CAW both picked up tonight's Door Prizes/

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm

Attention all hands

Please remember to send in your dues to renew your membership promptly. It helps us budget for the upcoming year's activities.

Adventures of the Repeater Committee

Submitted by Tim K7TMW

It was a calm Friday evening when my phone rang. I was informed that the Crawford Mountain repeater (147.380) was not functioning. A quick check of the repeater on my mobile unit confirmed that the repeater wasn't functioning as it should. The repeater committee communication system was activated. Some discussion and about the issues and a couple of emails later and the date was set to go to the mountain.

We met at the clubhouse on a beautiful Saturday morning to fill up the "Tim Mobile" with necessary tools and equipment for repairing and adjusting the repeater. We set off on our hour and a half drive south of Tenino to Crawford Mountain.

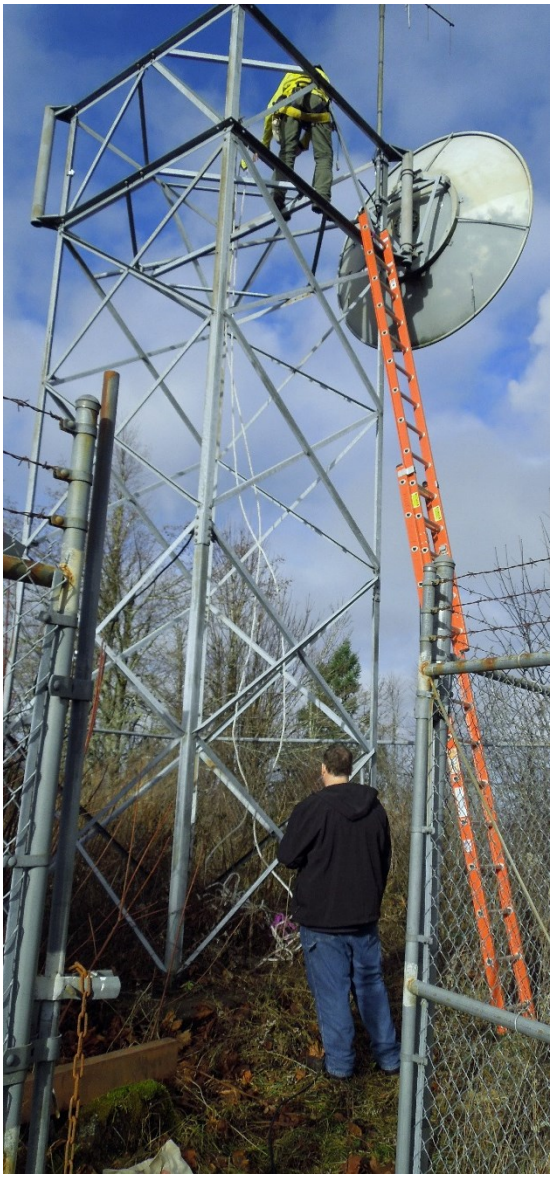
The first thing we encountered when we entered the transmitter building was a strong putrid smell. I thought it may have been a mold issue, but was told it was probably urine. Upon opening the repeater cabinet, we found that we had mice living in the repeater. We removed the audio board and discovered the mice had been using one of the boards as a potty box. Luckily we brought a spare with us. We swapped out the board and tested. The audio was back and the repeater was functioning again.

We then set off on our other mission, checking, documenting and adjusting the repeater. First thing we checked was the deviation. It wasn't acting as we expected. We weren't sure how to adjust this. We then checked the SWR of the antenna system. It was a 5.2:1. We assumed it was the antenna, and Rich suited up for the climb. As he removed the feed line from the pig tail a bunch of water came pouring out. We removed the feed line and added a dummy load. After checking just the feed line it was still 5.0:1. We installed some RG-8 feed line, attached it to the antenna and checked the system again. It was now 1.7:1.

We made some more checks and are determining future adjustments based on that data. All in all it was a great day on top of the mountain. We spent some time on the porch reading and enjoyed the sunshine.

If you haven't checked out the 147.380 repeater lately, check it out. It sounds great and has excellent coverage into Pierce County.

Repeater details: 147.380 MHz PL 103.5
Repeater Committee: Tim K7TMW, Rich KR7W, Chuck AC7QN, Stephan AD7AB



Rich KR7W at the top of tower
Tim K7TMW at bottom
Photo by Chuck AC7QN

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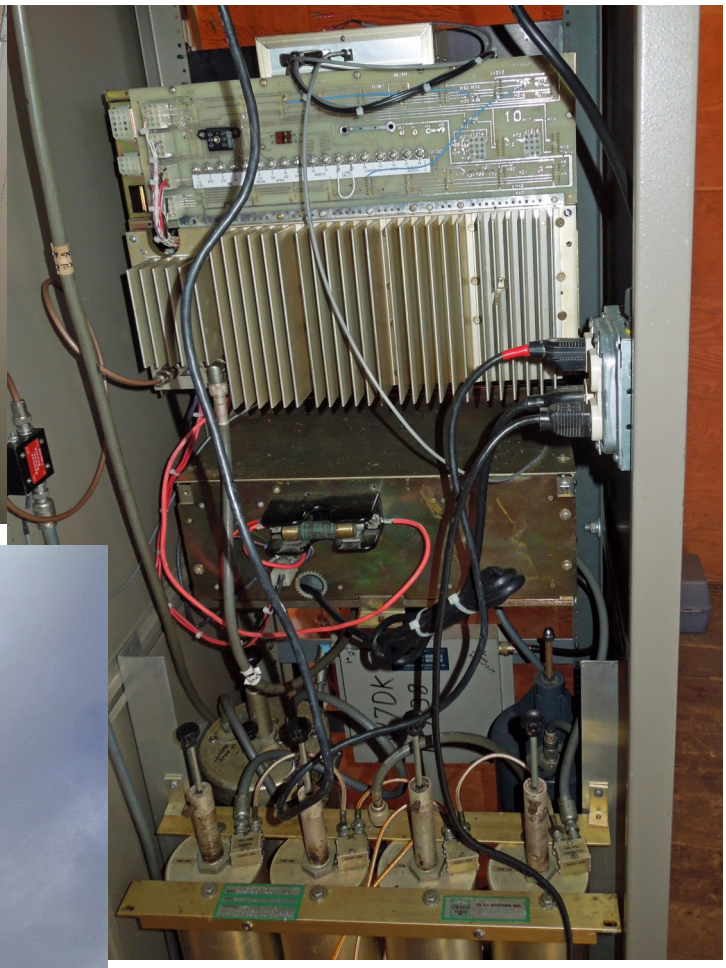
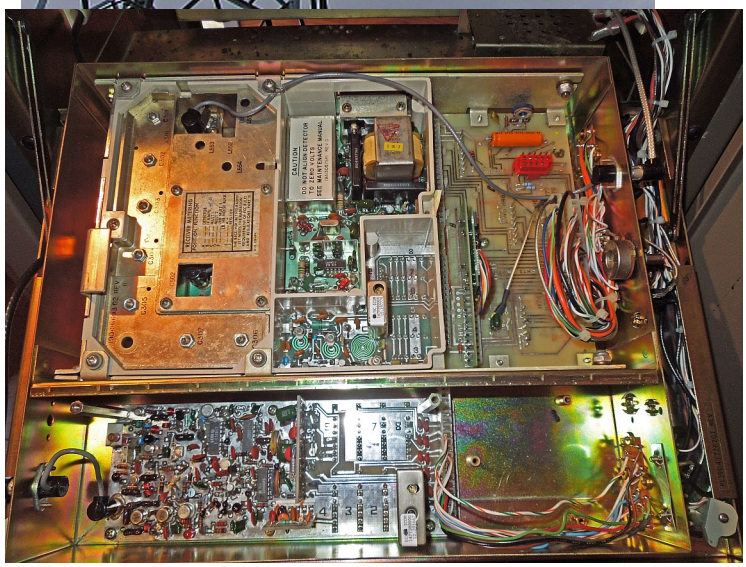
147.38/147.98





The Clifford J 'Doc' Spike Museum Presents...

The Old Radio Puzzler

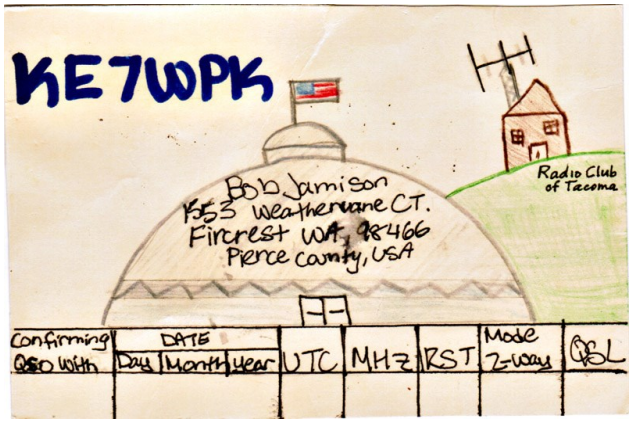
Remember This Thingy? What the heck is it?

In the Nov 2014 Loggers Bark, The ***Old Radio Puzzler*** asked members to submit their answer to the question, "What is this tool?".

One Saturday when I was at the Clubhouse… quite a few members professed that they knew the answer. I replied, "If you really know, please send your answer to the Museum on your QSL card like the Puzzler rules state".

Only one member, Bob KE7WPK, actually took the time to follow the rules and mailed The Doc Spike Museum one of his QSL cards with his answer, which I am sorry to report is incorrect.

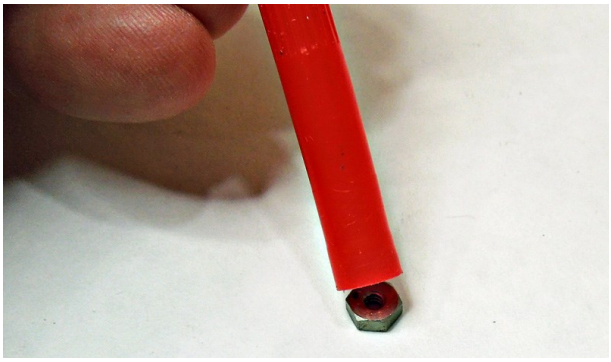
The second entry was from club member Bruce WE7EC, who slipped me a piece of note paper



Bob KE7WPK's card– a very nice homebrewed QSL.

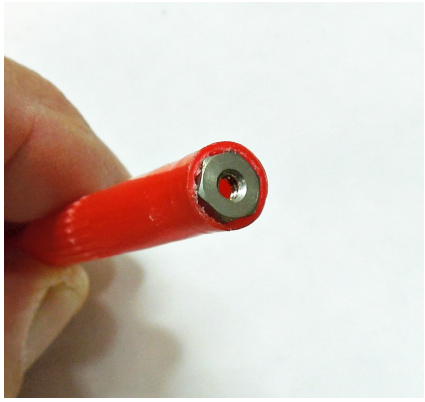
with a facsimile of a QSL card with his call sign and the ***correct answer*** written on it. The panel of judges which included KR7W, The Spirits of Doc W7OS, Hiram W1AW, Major Edwin Armstrong… all agreed that choosing this winner is a puzzler in itself.

But after tiring deliberation… **the Winner is Bruce WE7EC** who knew that the Thingy is a Heathkit Nut Starter ["Nut-Sert" as I remember them being called]. A simple plastic tool used to apply nuts to screws in tight places. The user 'serts the 1/4" or 3/16" nut into the soft plastic tool which holds the nut...and the nut is easily started on the screw. Photos tell the story:
Bruce relates that Heath gave kit builders a Nut Starter tool from the late 50s to the 80s when they went out of business. I remember that I had one when I built my DX-20 in the early 1960s.



Press the tool on the nut and it stays in place.

A lot of folks told me that they thought it was an old radio alignment tool– used for turning screw adjusters on top of IF transformers in older radios. It does look close– nice try.



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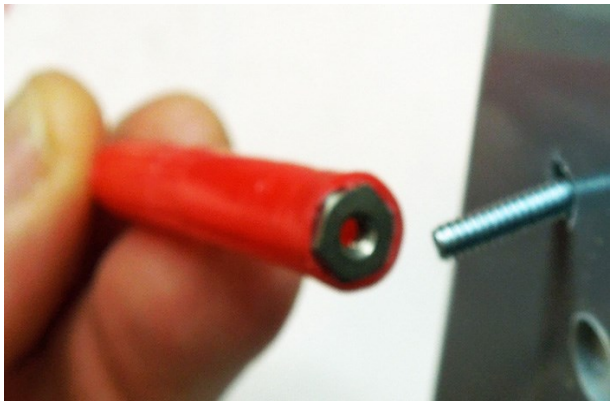

The Museum could use some help…. The Museums Workbench is in need of a Heat Gun. If you have a safe to use heat gun that you no longer want… please consider donating it to the Museums collection of tools for 'in house' repair work.

Straight Key Night– which used old receivers and transmitters from the Museums collection– was a big success. Photos and statistics will be noted elsewhere in this issue of the Loggers Bark.

Sort of like Straight Key Night will be the upcoming ***Novice Rig Round Up***. Celebrate your Novice days by using an old radio that you would have used as a Novice Class Amateur Radio Operator. This First Annual operating event takes place from Feb 6 to Feb 14. Lots of good info can be found here: http://novicerigroundup.com/

By the Way… My station as Novice ham operator WN7BDJ in 1963 was a Hallicrafters SX-110 Receiver and a Heathkit DX-20, hooked up to a 80 meter dipole. Before the DX-20 I used a home brew one tube (6V6) transmitter– which probably netted 4-5 watts output. I actually made contacts– even at the bottom of the sunspot cycle. ***Because everyone wants to know… What was YOUR first rig / radio as a beginner ham?***

Announcing: ***THE FIRST RIG Contest…*** Send me a note about your First Rig. To make it easier to submit your entry… No QSL cards required (but it would be nice to get one). Hand me a piece of paper… or email it to me… your First Call Sign and year, Rig Description and Antenna, and something memorable about that period in your ham radio hobby. The Judges previously mentioned will determine the MOST INTERESTING RIG and STORYs to print in the Feb and March Museum Column.

I am at the Clubhouse most Saturdays to hand your entry off to me…. OR mail it to Doc Spike Museum– PO Box 11188, Tacoma, WA 98411…. OR email it to me– kr7w@w7dk.org

Are you into **B**oat **A**nchor Radios? Or need a Novice Rig for the Novice Rig Roundup? The Annual gathering of **BA** enthusiasts will be in Mineral, WA on Friday, January 30 at Mineral Neighborhood Christian Center, 127 Mineral Road North. Participants circle their wagons (campers and motor homes) the night before and bring their For Sale or Trade items to the Center Friday morning. (The Church will appreciate a couple of $$ to defer costs). I am guessing the doors open at 0900. Pick yourself up an old Elmac, Heathkit, or Hammarlund Thunderbolt Linear Amp.

The photo above is a space filler to make it easier on Bark Editor Mike… This is KR7W's Vintage corner in the shack. A WRL GlobeChief XTAL controlled transmitter, the Matching VFO (for use when General license obtained), a Drake 2B Receiver + 2BQ. Crystals are lined up under the receiver. The Straight Key is a Wm Nye. This radio set was used for the Jan 1 daytime part of 2015's Straight Key Night. 10 QSOs were made on 20 meters.

Thanks for reading this far. -30– KR7W

UPCOMING RADIO CLUB EVENTS
FREEZE YOUR BUNS OFF-2015

One again this year, the Radio Club of Tacoma will hold a Winter Field Day event in early February. Saturday, Feb 7, corresponds with the annual **Freeze Your Buns Off** (FYBO) contest sponsored by the Arizona SQRPions QRP club.

RCT will participate in FYBO as in prior years by setting up portable, QRP operations in the **picnic shelter at Owens Beach in Pt. Defiance Park**. Remember: *the colder it is, the higher our score*!

So dust off your QRP operating skills and help W7DK swill hot coffee and rack up the weak-signal Qs, or simply stop by to watch and visit. View the proven and stately Salt-Water Vertical and the soaring whatever-other-antennas we manage to erect. Watch as non-ham passers-by favor us with puzzled looks and gravitate toward the sound of Morse Code and the crackle of single sideband QSOs.

The FYBO operation usually lasts until about 3pm. If you're visiting (rather than operating), please plan to show up starting at 10AM.

But wait, there's more!

As on several FYBO occasions in the past, a **Bunny Hunt** will be set up with 2-meter transmitters concealed around Pt. Defiance Park. The information/starting point for the Bunny Hunt will be the FYBO operation. Dig into your closet for that 2M ARDF gear you put away last time and see that it's in good order, then bring it out to Owens Beach starting at 10AM on Feb 7. For those without ARDF equipment, a limited number of radio sets will be available for your use. And remember, you DO NOT need to be a licensed amateur to participate, so bring along the kids and make it a family event!

But that's still not all!

This month's 4th Wednesday Workshop, to be held January 28, 7PM at the RCT Clubhouse, is entitled **Introduction to Amateur Radio Direction Finding**. If you have not yet participated in hidden-transmitter hunts, or if you would like to be refreshed on the procedures and equipment commonly used in this popular amateur radio activity, please join us for this workshop. Then you'll be *pumped* for the Bunny Hunt to be held along with FYBO on Feb 7, starting at 10AM, at Owens Beach.

Mark your calendar!

Introduction to Amateur Radio Direction Finding: Wed **Jan 28, 7PM**, RCT Clubhouse

Freeze Your Buns Off QRP operating event and RCT Bunny Hunt: Sat **Feb 7, 10AM**, Owens Beach at Pt. Defiance Park

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Leonard Burstiner KA7NWF
John Clarke AC7WW

Connie Clarke
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Larry Watson KD4VOM
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Rich Patrick KR7W
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Meetings and Programs
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Anne Ellison N7ANN Refreshments

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Museum Curator
Rich Patrick KR7W

Nominating Committee
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Tim White K7TMW
Bruce Hansen WE7P

Open House
Bruce Hanson WE7P
Randy Myers WB4SPB
Paul Matney W7PFU
Greta Hewlett KF7KSW
Bob Hewlett N7NCP
Stephen Morton AD7AB
Joe Lester K7ZG
Mike Finnie W7MWF
Valerie Piggott K7VAP
Gary McAdams WG7X

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Field Day (Mike Elwell W7GHW)
Steve Blacksten AD7VL

Operators
Stephen Morton AD7AB
Charles Smith AE7BM
Peter Baker AD7EU
Steve Schumaker K7DFC
Nick Winter K7MO
Tim White K7TMW
Valerie Piggott K7VAP
Joe Lester K7ZG
Bob Garden KF7GPO
Mike Isakson KG7KGP
Jeff Haws KG7MPF
Ben Glassie KG7MPH
Rich Patrick KR7W
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Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Randy Myers WB4SPB
Bruce Perrussel WB7TVS
Gary McAdams WG7X
Pat Wingerter WT7N

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Mike Finnie W7MWF
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Paul Matney W7PFU
Rich Patrick KR7W
Randy Myers WB4SPB

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Mike Finnie W7MWF
Bob Heselberg K7MXE
Randy Myers WB4SBP
Mike Buettner K7STO
Rich Patrick KR7W
Jimmy Hatfield K7SSS
Sue Schub KF7SOW

HF Station
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Bruce Hanson WE7P
Randy Myers WB4SPB
Rich Patrick KR7W
Al Ferguson N7OMS
Jim Riley KE7PVZ

Net 2 Meter

Anne Ellison N7ANN
Gary McAdams WG7X
Scott Peterson KA7IOX
Dave Ellison W7UUU
Peter Baker AD7EU
Jim Mendenhall KE6WHN

Net 10 Meter

Lynn Neese WR7G

Repeaters

Tim White K7TMW
Rich Patrick KR7W
Chuck Kemmer AC7QN
Rob Lee K7TGU
Stephen Morton AD7AB
Nick Winter K7MO

Salmon Run

On Air

Gary McAdams WG7X
Peter Baker AD7EU
Phil Pia K7PIA
Tim White K7TMW
Valerie Piggott K7VAP
Joe Lester K7ZG
Andy Williams KE7RTB
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W7PUY

W7UUU	WA7JIM	WG7X
W7UYL	WB7EC	(75)
W7WAL	WB7SPB	
W7YX	WE7P	

Straight Key Night

Operators

Randy Myers WB4SPB
Rich Patrick KR7W
Worth Gurley W7WG
Mike Finnie W7MWF
Chuck Kemmer AC7QN
Nick Winter K7MO
Joe Lester K7ZB
Doug Oakman AD7AB
Harry Wong N7DOE
Dave Andresen W7HTJ
Bob Heselberg K7MXE

Facilitators

Randy Myers WB4SPB
Mike Finney W7MWF
Rich Patrick KR7W
Joe Lester K7ZG
Paul Matney KF7PFU
Bob Hewlett N7NCP
Sooz Myrdal YL
Pete David KK7QW

Picnic

Paul Matney KF7PFU
Frankie Marsh KF7FEF
Jan Gilbertson K7HTU

Property Management

Frank Palmer AC7JY
Mike Finnie W7MWF
Jack Hegseth K7DBU
Bob Heselberg K7MXE
Bruce Hanson WE7P
Rich Patrick KR7W
Pete David KK7QW
Al Ferguson N7OMS
Gary McAdams WG7X
Bruce Cranefield WB7EC
Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Bob Purdom AC7LJ
Paul Matney W7PFU
Greta Hewlett KF7KSW
Larry Watson KD4VOM

Public Service

Maker Faire; Graham Readiness Group; Barter Group
Dave Ellison W7UUU
Anne Ellison N7ANN

QSL Manager

Joe Lester K7ZG

State Fair

Stephen Morton AD7AB

Setup/Teardown

Steve Morton AD7AB
John Clarke AC7WW
Randy Myers WB4SPB
Mitch Thomas KG7EBS

Contributors:
W7OS Trustee Rob Lee K7TGU
ICOM –Dian Morrison KE7PCS
HRO
DX Engineering
ARRL

Served Tours

AC7WW	KC7M	N7ANN
AD7AB	KD4VOM	N7DOE
AD7AW	KD6FEA	N7ELF
AD7SZBM	KD7DKY	W7JJV
AD7VL	KD7GUK	W7PFU
AE7BM	KD7IBU	W7QLO
AE7XQ	KE6WHN	W7SIM
AF7KN	KE7YVA	W7TJL
Cindy	KE7ZPI	W7UUU
Connie	KF7FEF	W7WG
K7CRB	KF7GPO	WB6MRI
K7DKY	KF7MSP	WE7P
K7VAP	KF7SCB	WY7V
KA7NWF	KG7EBS	(77)
KC7JKA	KG7FZA	

Sunshine
Greta Hewlett KF7KSW

Training
Stephen Morton AD7AB
Michael Robinson AD7TH

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Stephen Morton AD7AB
Leonard Burstiner KA7NWF
Joe Baldassari W7RQ
Steve Blacksten AD7VL
Dale Fultz N3MO
Jan Gilbertson K7HTU
Pete Sweers KF7HYO
John Hamilton AD7AW
Rich Heasty KK7VH
Jim Lawrence N7RHX
Joe Lester K7ZG
Bob Purdom AD7LJ
Mike Robinson AD7TH
Chris Rose AE7QX

W7DK.org Website
Joe Lester K7ZG

Workshops
Coordinators
Randy Myers WB4SPB
Mike Finnie W7MWF
Rich Patrick KR7W
Presentations
Rich Patrick KR7W
Randy Myers WB4SPB
Gary McAdams WG7X
Bruce Hanson WE7P
Mike Finnie W7MWF
David Andresen K7HTJ

Special Recognition
New Active Operators
Valerie Piggott K7VAP – Open House, Salmon Run, Field Day
Mike Isakson K7KGP – Field Day, Salmon Run
Andy Willms KD7RTB – Salmon Run
Phil Pia K7PIA– Salmon Run

Al Churchill AD7BU
For yeoman work divesting the club of its unwanted riding mower.

President's Award: Gary McAdams WG7X
This year's recipient was Tim White K7TMW

Doc Spike Inspirational Award: Larry Watson KD4VOM
This years recipient was Mike Finnie W7MWF
Door Prizes: Bob Purdom AD7LJ
Grand Prize: Bob Purdom AD7LJ (Do not have to be present to win)
HRO Gift Certificate
Thanks to the Awards crew and the TACID facility/manager for another fine afternoon.

Straight Key Night 2015

A retrospective look at the fun, friendship, and food at the RCT Clubhouse on New Year's Eve.

Statistics:

- 22 QSOs were made on 3 Bands
- 10 unique operators contacted 22 states
- 6 large pizzas were consumed in 30 minutes
- Desserts and Salads were scrumptious
- BINGO was a blast, especially the Morse Code version

Read and see more about SKN2015 here at the ARRL Soapbox Article submitted by Rich

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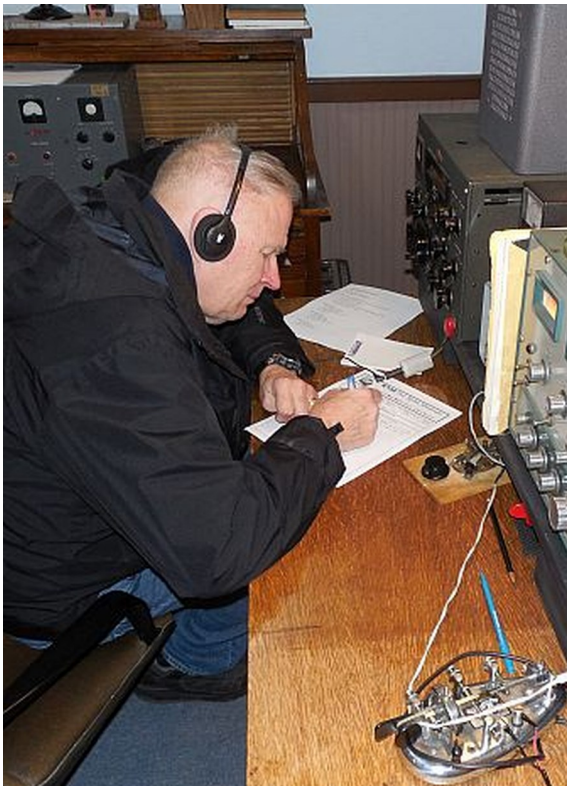


CT Ballard N7UH hard at work on 80 Meters

Phillip K7PIA keeps a close eye on Rich KR7W in the HF room

David W7HTJ and Chuck AC7QN share nuggets of wisdeom with onlookers.

CU at SKN 2016! 73

MYSTERY HAM IDENTIFIED

We had several wrong guesses submitted, but the single correct answer came from the subject of the contest.

Our mystery ham is a familiar face around the club-house and a familiar participant on the 2 meter net.

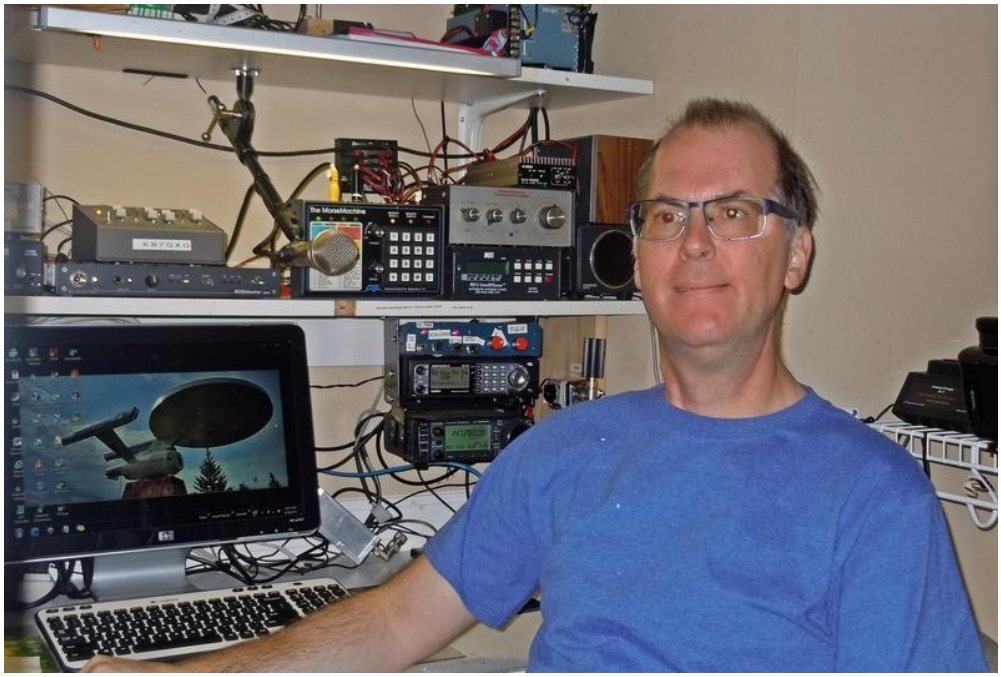
It is none other than Jeff Smythe, KB7QAG. Read more about Jeff on his QRZ Page.

Operator's Wallpaper

If you have any special, or cool, or unique, or simply beautiful QSL cards in your collection that you'd like to share, please scan (high resolution is preferred) and email to the Bark Editor w7dk-news@earthlink.net. If you can't get them scanned, bring them along to the clubhouse on a Saturday , we'll scan them real quick and give them back to you.

KB7QAG Operating Position

KB7QAG Electronics Workbench



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Central Tacoma: 440.625 + PL=103.5
North Tacoma: 145.21 – PL=141.3

Remember - For the latest and most current information on events and activities, visit the Radio Club of Tacoma Website w7dk.org. Be sure to enroll as a member to see all the info.

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Upcoming RCT Events

REGULAR EVENTS

Club Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month at the Library Administration Building 112th and Waller Road. The club meets at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Workshops: Fourth Wednesday of the month at the Clubhouse, 1249 So. Washington St, Tacoma. A variety of training and educational events will be conducted.

Board Meeting: First Wednesday of the month at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend .

Bark Deadline: Last week-end of each month. Please submit articles by that time!

Check into the weekly two meter net: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on the club repeater on 147.280 MHz

Check into the weekly 10 meter net: Sundays at 8:00 PM on 28.375 MHz .

SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual Awards Banquet December 14, 2014 Time and Location TBA

Straight Key Night 2014: December 31, 2014 about 4pm local time @ the RCT Clubhouse .Annual "Ring In The New Year celebration. Food, Fun , Fellowship & QSOs